



March 2018

TETAF Board Chair Edward M. Racht Announces Council Chairs

As part of TETAF's ongoing restructuring, Board Chair Edward M. Racht, MD has announced the chairs of five new councils, in accordance with the [bylaws](#) approved late last year.

Advocacy Council: Jeff Beeson, DO (members: Eric Epley, CEM, Wanda Helgesen, MSN, RN, Darrell Pile, MHA)

Education Council: Scott Christopher, BSN, RN, LP (members: Ricky Reeves, EMT-P, Danny Updike, RN, CCRN, EMT-P)

Finance/Audit Council: Craig Rhyne, MD (members: Kathy Perkins, MBA, RN, Peyton Ware, BBA)

Governance Council: Dudley Wait, EMT-P (Kenneth Mattox, MD, Lori Robb, BSN, RN, TCRN)

Survey/Verification Council: Jorie Klein, BSN, RN (members: Nilda Garcia, MD, Donald Jenkins, MD)

Each council will be made up of membership from both the Board of Directors and the general membership/TETAF stakeholders. Councils will begin meeting as needed and will work to quickly round out their membership with additional appointments.

**Maternal Care Designation
Levels Effective March 1**



lookout for more information on TETAF's maternal survey process.

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EMS Agenda 2050 Seeks Feedback

EMS Agenda 2050 is soliciting feedback from members of the EMS community around the country to draft a vision for the future of emergency medical services.

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"Thank You" Disaster Handout

TETAF has produced another advocacy document detailing the important role of RACs in disaster preparedness and response. The handout highlights examples of the actions taken by our member RACs during last year's unprecedented Hurricane Harvey. This document may be accessed online and utilized as needed.

[Download Here](#)



Register Now: 2018 Hospital Data Management Course

The next course will take place March 22-23 in North Richland Hills. Register now - prices increase on March 12.

[Register Here](#)



EMSC Accepting Nominations for Crew of the Year Award

The Texas EMS for Children State Partnership is now accepting nominations for the ninth annual EMS for Children Crew of the Year Award. This award is granted to an EMS crew or station who has displayed outstanding care for a child in an emergency or demonstrated exceptional effort in development of pediatric training, quality improvement or injury prevention programs.

[Submit a Nomination](#)



In the News: STB Training at UT

Learn about a new "Stop the Bleed" program at the University of Texas at Austin and one pre-med student determined to train the entire campus to save lives.

[Read More](#)



Brain Injury Awareness Month

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will host a gathering March 6 in Austin to raise awareness of brain injuries as part of Brain Injury Awareness Month.

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DSHS Requests Stakeholder Input - Survey



Feedback will be used to assess agency strengths and weaknesses, identify areas for improvement and inform future initiatives.

[Take Survey](#)



NICU Survey Dates Available

Texas Perinatal Services is currently scheduling NICU surveys for 2018. A large team of surveyors is available and will work with your facility to accommodate your preferred dates.

[Learn More](#)



PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: Robin Garza was awarded the Texas Trauma Coordinators

EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT: The American College of Surgeons (ACS) has accepted TETAF's Hospital Data Management Course as approved trauma registrar education for all levels of trauma facilities. Sign up for the March course [here!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22-23 TETAF Hospital Data Management Course (North Richland Hills)

May 8 TETAF Board Meeting (Austin)

May 8 Texas Trauma Coordinator's Forum (Austin)

May 9-11 Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (Austin)

May 10 Texas TQIP Collaborative Meeting (Austin)

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